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A major step towards harmonised professional qualifications for inland navigation

At its meeting in Prague on 08. November 2018 the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI) has adopted a total of 14 standards concerning professional qualifications.

The European IWT platform, supported by EBU and ESO, welcomes the adoption as a major step towards harmonised professional qualifications in the Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) sector. The standards will enable recognition of professional qualifications in all EU Member States and thus enhance mobility for crew members on the European IWT labour market.

EBU and ESO have been fully involved in conception and working out of the CESNI-Standards. The Managing Board of the IWT Platform stressed the importance of cooperating with CESNI in order to utilise the expertise of the sector.

Uniform minimum standards for professional qualifications are also very important to ensure the safety of IWT transport in Europe. The adopted standards cover medical fitness, competencies at management and operational level, practical examinations, passenger transport experts, sailing on inland waterways with a maritime character, sailing with the aid of radar and liquified natural gas (LNG) experts.

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